

Control and Disarmament Agency with the Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement concerning the agreement. The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Energy, which includes a summary of the provisions of the agreement and various other attachments, including agency views, is also enclosed.

The proposed agreement with Ukraine has been negotiated in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 and as otherwise amended. In my judgment, the proposed agreement meets all statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States. The agreement provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation between the United States and Ukraine under appropriate conditions and controls reflecting our common commitment to nuclear non-proliferation goals.

The proposed new agreement with Ukraine permits the transfer of technology, material, equipment (including reactors), and components for nuclear research, and nuclear power production. It provides for U.S. consent rights to retransfers, enrichment, and reprocessing as required by U.S. law. It does not permit transfers of any sensitive nuclear technology, restricted data, or sensitive nuclear facilities or major critical components of such facilities. In the event of termination, key conditions and controls continue with respect to material and equipment subject to the agreement.

Ukraine is a nonnuclear weapon state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Ukraine agreed to the removal of all nuclear weapons from its territory. It has a full-scope safeguards agreement in force with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to implement its safeguards obligations under the NPT. Ukraine was accepted as a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in April 1996, and as a member of the NPT Exporters Committee (Zangger Committee) in May 1997.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested agencies in reviewing the proposed agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

Because this agreement meets all applicable requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, for agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation, I am transmitting it to the Congress without exempting it from any requirement contained in section 123a. of that Act. This transmission shall

constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123b. and 123d. of the Atomic Energy Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committees as provided in section 123b. Upon completion of the 30-day continuous session period provided for in section 123b., the 60-day continuous session provided for in section 123d. shall commence.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 6, 1998.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.S. 2400) entitled "An Act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes": As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, solely for consideration of title XI of the House bill and title VI of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. RANGEL.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 567. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 220. Concurrent resolution regarding American victims of terrorism.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 567. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 220. Concurrent resolution regarding American victims of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4766. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1997-98 Marketing Year" (Docket FV98-905-2 IFR) received on May 4, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4767. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the delay of the report on military technical positions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4768. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notices of military retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4769. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Authority to Fund Inspector Expenses From the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4770. A communication from the Executive Director of the Civil Air Patrol, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Civil Air Patrol for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4771. A communication from the Chairman of the Sentencing Commission, transmitting, amendments to the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4772. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4773. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4774. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4775. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4776. A communication from the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the wiretap report for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4777. A communication from the Director of Operations and Finance, the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4778. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the U.S. Parole Commission for 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4779. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Definition of Arriving Alien" (RIN1115-AE87) received on April 22, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4780. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice,